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**Grants and Loans Available for Clean Fuel Projects**

*Expanded program now includes hybrid-electric vehicle technology*

Salt Lake City — The Utah Division of Air Quality (DAQ) is seeking projects to award \$500,000 in grants from the Clean Fuels Grant and Loan Program. Low-interest loans are also available for successful applicants. Funds are awarded annually to help businesses and government entities purchase clean fuel technologies that reduce vehicle emissions and improve Utah's air quality.

DAQ's Clean Fuels Program has expanded its grant and loan offerings to include the following:

- Hybrid-electric vehicles are now eligible for grants and loans
- The annual award limits for grants has increased to \$500,000
- There are now no annual award limits for loans, as long as the combined total does not exceed the balance of the fund
- Individual award limits have been increased to \$200,000
- The match requirement has been removed for refueling infrastructure projects

"The demand for clean fuels and clean vehicles in Utah is a testament to the success of past clean fuel projects funded through this program," said Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. "We are ready and eager to assist the creative efforts of local governments and businesses to help alleviate the unique air quality challenges we face in Utah."

Since 2009, DAQ has awarded nearly \$1.5 million in grants and \$466,667 in loans. Projects have included the conversion of cars, trucks and shuttle buses to natural gas; as well as the purchase of natural gas refuse trucks, freight trucks, transit buses, street sweepers, aerial truck towers, glass recycling vehicles and refueling stations.

Grant and loan proposals must be submitted to DAQ by 5 p.m. on Oct. 3, 2014. Detailed application submission requirements are available at [www.cleanfuels.utah.gov](http://www.cleanfuels.utah.gov). The awards will be announced in January 2015.

For more information, businesses and local governments can visit [www.cleanfuels.utah.gov](http://www.cleanfuels.utah.gov).

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**About DEQ**

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental

laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit [www.deq.utah.gov](http://www.deq.utah.gov), follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](#)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](#)), or call 1-800-458-0145.